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Banks.

NOTICE

BULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturday, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank or marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various Branch Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

Paid-up Capital.....\$7,100,000
Reserve Fund.....\$4,300,000
Reserve Liability of Pre-Printers.....\$7,500,000

COUNT OF DIRECTORS.
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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent.
" 12 " 5 per cent.

LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 27, 1889. 363

NOTICE

The Natural Mineral Waters of

VICHY

(SOMME)

GRANDE-GRILLE.—For Affections of the Liver, Hilary Organs, &c.

CELESTE.—For the Kidneys, Gravel, Gout, Rheumatism, Diabetes, &c.

HOSPITAL.—For Stomach Complaints.

MAUTERIE.—An excellent TABLE WATER.

OF ALL CHEMISTS IN AUSTRALASIA.

NOTICE

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the Productions of the CHINA SOUP EXTRACT COMPANY, LIMITED, can henceforward be obtained by RETAIL, NOR CASH, at No. 3, PEAK STREET, at the same price as at the BRETHRAY'S; or Retail Orders will be delivered at addresses in town on application forwarding their Monthly Requirements in writing direct to the BRETHRAY'S at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1889. 755

Intimations.

BUTTER.

PURE DANISH BUTTER in tins to be got CHAPFER from SCHMIDT MADSEN, HORNEN, DENMARK.

6th Sept. 1889. 1407

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SPoon COMPETITION—900 YARDS.

ENTRANCE FEE payable on Ground £10 CENTS. Will take place NEXT SATURDAY, 4th May, 1889, at 4 p.m. (weather permitting). Carbines allowed. Three Shots extra. All Members allowed; one sighting shot.

A. SHELTON COOPER,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 30, 1889. 815

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

ISSUE OF \$1,250,000 NEW CAPITAL IN 12,500 SHARES OF \$100 EACH.

APPLICATIONS are invited for \$1,250,000 New Capital in 12,500 Shares of \$100 each, which is being raised for the objects and business of the Company, as defined in the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, and in pursuance of the Special Resolution to that effect duly passed on the 5th April, instant, and confirmed on the 23rd April instant.

The Shares will be issued at a premium of \$50 per Share.

A First Call of \$80 per Share will be payable on Application, and the Balance of \$50 per Share will be payable in such amounts, at such times, and on such conditions as the Board may determine. The Premium will be payable on Allotment.

Where no Allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full, and if a less number of Shares is allotted than is applied for, the excess of the deposit will be credited in reduction of the amount payable for premium. Failure to pay any premium when due will render the allotment liable to cancellation and the payment made on application for forfeiture.

Application for Shares should be forwarded to the Company's Bankers, THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong, together with the amount payable on or before the 3rd May next.

Forms of application can be obtained at the Company's Registered Office in Victoria, Hongkong, where a print of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association can be seen.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 9th May next, inclusive.

ALEXANDER LEVY,
Secretary (pro tem.).

Hongkong, April 24, 1889. 780

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THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

PAYMENT OF 6TH DIVIDEND.

A 6TH DIVIDEND of 6½ % on all CLAIMS against the HONGKONG BRANCH OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, which have been approved by the Court of Chancery, will be paid at the Offices of the NEW YORK BANK CORPORATION, on or after MONDAY, the 18th MARCH next.

Creditors are requested to apply to the Bank for their Dividends and to produce the letter they hold from the Official Liquidator, admitting their Claims, in order that the Payment of the 6th Dividend may be endorsed thereon.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND IN ADVANCE UNDER DISCOUNT.

THE OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR by arrangement with the ASSETS READMINISTRATOR CO. is prepared to Pay in ADVANCE to Creditors willing to receive such Payment IN FULL DISCHARGE OF THEIR CLAIMS the Dividend of 5½ % payable in the year 1890, UNDER A DISCOUNT OF FIVE TWELFTHS PER CENT.

Creditors who are willing to accept Payment of the Final Dividend less discount as above are requested to communicate with the Undersigned BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT MONTH.

E. W. RUTTER,
Agent for the Official Liquidator,
Oriental Bank Corporation
in Liquidation.

Hongkong, February 6, 1889. 223

SOCIETE FRANCAISE DES CHAR-BONNAGES DU TONKIN.

N OTICE is hereby given, that the First MEETING of SHARE-HOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, Hongkong (Queens) on FRIDAY, the Thirty-first day of May, at Noon.

BUSINESS.

To receive the Report on the State of the Mines, and to fill Vacancies on the Board of the Directors.

The Owners of at least Twenty Shares or more, in order to have the right of attending the above Meeting, shall deposit their Shares either with the Undersigned or with the CHIEF MANAGER of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, or later with Fifteen Days before the Meeting, and there shall be delivered to them a Card of admission to the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors:

ALEXANDER LEVY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 20, 1889. 765

NOTICE

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notices to Consignees. To-day's Advertisements.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. PEMBROKESHIRE, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optimal cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-day.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 4th proximo will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned or on before the 4th proximo, or they will not be received.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 27, 1889. 800

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP TARTAR, FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optimal cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-day.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 6th proximo will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned or on before the 6th proximo, or they will not be received.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 29, 1889. 806

INSURANCES.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

To-day's Advertisements.

LETTERS PATENT.

In the Matter of the Petitions of HENRY HARRIS LAKE, of the Firm of HARRIS LAKE & CO., Patent Agents, Southampton Buildings, London, England, for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong of the following Invention:

a. Improvements relating to the Pulverization or Reduction of Mineral or other Substances and to Apparatus therefor;

b. Improvements in Apparatus for Crushing or Pulverizing Ores and other Substances;

And for which Her Majesty's Royal Letters Patent were granted on the 26th day of January, 1887, and 20th day of March, 1888, respectively.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Petitions, Specifications and Declarations required by the Ordinance No. 14 of 1887 have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and it is the intention of the said HENRY HARRIS LAKE, by Messrs. SHARP, JOHNSON AND SONS, his duly-authorized Agents and Attorneys, to apply at the sitting of the Executive Council hereinafter mentioned for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the said Colony of Hongkong of the above-named Inventions.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a sitting of the Executive Council before whom the matter of the Petitions will come for decision, will be held in the Council Chamber, at the Government Offices, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 7th day of May, 1889, at 11 a.m.

HENRY HARRIS LAKE,

by SHARP, JOHNSON & SONS,

his Agents and Attorneys.

Supreme Court House,

Hongkong, 27th April, 1889. 818

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. EDWARD OSBORNE has been appointed Acting SECRETARY of the above Company from this date.

J. J. KESWICK, Chairman.

Hongkong, May 1, 1889. 819

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. AUGUSTUS SHELTON HOOPER is appointed SECRETARY of the Company.

J. J. KESWICK, Chairman.

Victoria Building,

Hongkong, 1st May, 1889. 820

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

8 to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.

12 to 2 p.m. half hour.

4 to 8 p.m. quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS.

NIGHT TRAMS at 10.30 and 11 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

1 to 5 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

10 to 11 p.m. half hour.

Special CARDS may be obtained on application to the SUPERINTENDENT.

Special Tickets are sold in the Cases: Five-Pence and EIGHTPENCE Tickets at the Office.

MADEWEN, FRICKEL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, May 1, 1889.

STEAM TO MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Steamer "Nanking,"

Captain TANER, will be

despatched as above TO-

MORROW, the 2nd May, at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 1, 1889. 822

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI & AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates

for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-

CHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and

Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

"Anchors,"

Captain LAPAGE, will be

despatched as above TO-

MORROW, the 2nd Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 1, 1889. 787

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY.

(Calling at COLOMBO if sufficient

indication offers.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s

Steamship

"Tiberias,"

will leave for the above

places on FRIDAY, the 3rd Inst. at 3 p.m.

E. L. WOODIN,

Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

Hongkong, May 1, 1889. 823

THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at SINGAPORE, SOURA BAYA,

PORT DARWIN, NEWCASTLE,

AND taking through cargo

for ADELAIDE, TASMANIA,

NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

The British Steamer

"Afghan,"

Capt. GOLDING, will be

despatched as above on

THURSDAY, the 9th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Managers.

Hongkong, May 1, 1889. 824

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates

for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-

CHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and

Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

"Sardeson,"

Captain BARNE, will be

despatched as above on

THURSDAY, the 9th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, May 1, 1889. 825

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for

Debt contracted by the Officers or

Crew of the following Vessel, during

their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

a. BOEMIDA, Italian steamer, Captain E. de

NOGLI.—Carlowitz & Co.

REATRICAL, American ship, Captain F. ROWELL.—Russell & Co.

HATTIE R. TAYLOR, British barque, Capt. J. McCONNELLY—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

KAKARAWA, Hawaiian barque, Capt. JOHN DUNCAN.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TITAN, American ship, Capt. C. H. ALLY.—Russell & Co.

DAKIN BROTHERS, LIMITED,

DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

Dakin's EFFERVESCENT SALINE POWDER.—This delicious beverage is of great value in topical climates for alleviating derangements of the Stomach. It gives immediate relief in Sea-sickness, Nausea and Gastric Irritation. The value of this over other effervescent preparations is evident from the popularity which it has obtained both in England and the East.—Per bottle, 75 cents.

HENRY HARRIS LAKE,

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his Agents and Attorneys.

Supreme Court House,

Hongkong, 27th April, 1889. 818

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RESURGENT CAREFULLY DISPENSED.

DAKIN BROTHERS, LIMITED,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

(opposite Hongkong Hotel),

Hongkong, April 26, 1889. 795

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 30, 1889.—

Auction, British steamer, 1,304, Liverpool, March 16, 1889, 20 Algea, 24 Port Said, 31, Suze April 1, Penang 29, and Singapore 25, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

May 1.—

Canton, British steamer, 1,110, J. BREMNER, Shanghai April 23, and Amoy 28, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Chow Fa, British steamer, 1,055, I. W. PHILLIPS, Bangkok April 23, General.—YUEN FAH HONG.

Tsching, British steamer, 862, John A. MORRIS, Saigon April 26, Rice and General.—BAN HO.

Amoy, German steamer, from Whampoa.

Kutung, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Agencies Company, Limited.

Lambeth Planting Company, Limited.

Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.

China Imperial, 1884.

1885.

1886.

1887.

1888.

CORRESPONDENCE

IS HONGKONG BOOMING?

To the Editor of "The China Mail."

Hongkong, 30th April.

SIR.—A great deal has recently been said and written about the flourishing condition of Hongkong. Evidence of our prosperity the optimists say, are everywhere to be found. New companies are being formed every other day; the value of land has risen enormously and is still rising; the population is rapidly increasing; Hongkong is fast becoming a seat of manufactures; it is a centre of trade for the whole of Eastern Asia—such are a few of the statements made by small presents including a gold bracelet and \$200 betrothal money. These things are sent. There was an exchange of presents. The plaintiff's wife sent some cakes to the proposed husband. It is necessary to have marriage deeds and there were deeds in the case. The ceremony was the customary one on the marriage of a first wife. No man could marry two number one wives. A man can only have one legitimate wife. I never heard of any man who went through the same ceremony with a second wife while his first was alive, I am go-between headed the marriage procession. I got presents from both sides. Lam Akau was not a go-between, he acted as a master. I am not a professional go-between, but engrossed in that occasionally. I don't know if there are professionals go-between.

D. E. J. EATON, H. M. Inspector of Schools.

I was enrolled about three years ago as a sworn interpreter to the Supreme Court. I have been 26 years in Hongkong and neighbourhood. I have been studying Chinese and Chinese manners and customs during that time. I have given attention to Chinese marriage customs and the Chinese law of inheritance from Chinese books on the subject, not as a lawyer but as a scholar. I have had an opportunity of inspecting the documents produced so far as they go to see them to be the usual form of documents relating to marriage. One of the documents, which Lai Ming Shun presents his complaints to Li Chun D' is a document in which Lai Ming Shun gives his wife the right to the proposed marriage with Li Shan Ssu's daughter.

The document "D" is the actual marriage covenant. These are the documents that would have to be returned in the case of a divorce. The usual custom when a marriage is proposed is to exchange small presents, as an earnest of bona fides. Then there is an exchange of horoscopes. The carrying of the bride through the streets in the kind of chair described is looked upon as announcing to all the world that the marriage is that of a legitimate first wife, and the husband is so strong that even in Hongkong no man would dare to use such a chair for a second wife. To do so is against the Chinese law.

The red draped chair and the music are necessary parts of the marriage of the first wife or Kit Fat. The position of the Kit Fat is that the secondary wife are her servants and could legally be sold in China. The Kit Fat could not be sold. The Kit Fat, if the husband is the head of the family, takes that position on the decease of the husband, and would have the administration of his estate. An older member of the family of the bridegroom were alive at the time of the marriage his presence at the ceremony would be expected at the representative of the family. Chinese wives have still held themselves subject to Chinese customs socially. A Kit Fat leaves her own family for good. The marriage and henceforth belongs to her husband's family. On the death of her husband she would have a claim on the head of the family for maintenance even if she had no children.

His Lordship at this stage said he would adjourn the case till to-morrow. There were two or three points he should like to be informed upon. He should like to know whether there was any provision for the recognition of Chinese customs in this colony.

Mr Robinson said he believed there was an early proclamation with reference to that point.

His Lordship said if there was any such law, any early ordinances or proclamation, the question of domicile might become perfectly immaterial.

The case was then adjourned till 10.30 to-morrow.

SHANGHAI SPRING RACE MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Blue League Cup, for China ponies.

Half a Mile.

Mr. Dall's Cup, for China ponies.

One Mile.

Mr. Sisson's gr. Turks ... 1

The Griffon Plate, for China ponies that have never run at any meeting. Three quarters of a Mile.

Mr. J. D. Humphrey's gr. Visitor ... 1

The Cazier Cup, for China ponies. Griffins allowed 7 lbs.

Mr. Sisson's gr. Zephyr ... 1

The Jockey Cup, for China ponies that have never won a race, with jockeys who have not had a winning mount once round.

Mr. Sisson's gr. Asteroid ... 1

The Kiangsu Plate, for China ponies. One mile and three quarters.

Mr. Sisson's gr. El Dorado ... 1

The Racing Stakes, for China ponies that have never run before 1st January 1888. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Choufou's gr. Regent ... 1

The Ringers Plate, for China ponies that otherwise entered at this meeting, and that have never won a race. Once round.

Mr. Sisson's gr. Heart ... 1

Blued are the missionaries of cheerfulness.—Lydia Maria Child.

Fine manners are like personal beauty—a letter of credit everywhere.

SIXTEEN small infants, and they will be come none at all.—Bishop Jackson.

WELL-STRUNG is in the pure mark of well-arranged and fit.—Pitman.

He might as well be stoned with shame as with unaided knowledge.

He has not to dispute where he is as to probability of convincing.—Dickens.

MARRIAGE must be a relation either of sympathy or of conquest.—George Eliot.

INTELLIGENCE has been called the starlight of the brain. Religion is the starlight of the soul.

The happiness of love is in action; its test is what one is willing to do for another.—Bon H.

KNOWLEDGE is like money—the more it is circulated the more people get the benefit of it.

HOW TO GAIN FLESH AND STRENGTH.—Take after each meal about a tablespoonful of Soot's Extract of Pure Coal. Liver Oil with Hypnotic Balsom. It is almost as easily digested as milk and easily digested. The body, especially with delicate children and weakly people suffers from weakness and wasting disease improves and thrives upon this diet. This is truly marvellous. As a remedy for Consumption and Throat Ailments used by Dr. Brachman is unequalled by any other preparing in the world. Any Chemist can supply it.—Wilson & Co. (Limited) agents in Hongkong and China.

port of opium through the Foreign Customs of the Kwangtung province, the result of legislation at Hongkong and Macao, represented an increase of about The 5,000,000 in the foreign imports into China—an improvement due, he maintains, not to an actual increase in the import of foreign opium, the demand for which has been slackened than increased, but to the improved supervision by the Customs officials.

That which I drew from these figures is that in 1887 there was a considerable but not extraordinary increase in our trade, but that in 1888 there was a slight falling off; and this conclusion is borne out by comparing the foreign tonnage of the port for last year with that of the preceding one. The tonnage in 1887 amounted to 4,607,914, as against only 4,600,000.

We thus see that when we scrutinize the regular trade of the port upon which our existence really depends, we find little ground for the speculations which are manifested, but for the fact that the community which preceded that of the port was succeeded by a period of commercial activity, which, although relaxed, is not let us hope, yet finished. But, although we have been prosperous, there has been nothing extraordinary in our progress and certainly nothing to warrant the extravagant views just alluded to. That large sum of money from the Colony may indicate a steady increase in the outlets for investment in the Colony itself, and may set us in a position to compete in the future. But then our trade has been increasing in correspondence with this outflow of money? I seriously think so.

As we have unfortunately no Custom House in Hongkong, we have never gone to the Supreme Court. I have been 26 years in Hongkong and neighbourhood. I have been studying Chinese and Chinese manners and customs during that time. I have given attention to Chinese marriage customs and the Chinese law of inheritance from Chinese books on the subject, not as a lawyer but as a scholar. I have had an opportunity of inspecting the documents produced so far as they go to be the usual form of documents relating to marriage. One of the documents, which Lai Ming Shun presents his complaints to Li Chun D' is a document in which Lai Ming Shun gives his wife the right to the proposed marriage with Li Shan Ssu's daughter.

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Imports..... Tls. 46,861,801
Exports..... Tls. 22,552,076

Total..... Tls. 57,412,477

In 1887 the figures were:—
Imports..... Tls. 57,761,089
Exports..... Tls. 37,393,189

Total..... Tls. 93,154,288

This would seem to show splendid work and to justify the pretensions of the boomers that we have entered an era of unexampled prosperity; but the increase is more apparent than real. First let it be remarked that the bulk of the increase is in import. There can be little doubt that a considerable portion of it is due to the fact that from 1st June 1887 for the first time all opium which entered the Colony passed under the cognizance of the Foreign Customs. To give an illustration of what a difference was caused by this change, I may mention that in 1886 only 10,982 piculs of opium were reported as having entered Canton, whereas in 1887 the figures were 76,092 piculs. This represents an increase of three million taels. From the total, however, we deduct the 10,000 piculs which represents the junk trade passing the Kouloou station, a note of which was taken in April 1887 and which therefore does not appear in the 1886 figures.

Let us turn now to exports, the statistics for which are not complicated with such a change as the Opium Convention caused in the imports. There is an increase in 1887 over 1886 of (in round numbers) Tls. 8,800,000. But in the figures for 1887 is included the junk trade which passed through the Kouloou station for Hongkong, little or none of which was recorded before, and this export trade amounted in 1887 to Tls. 9,468,428.

A small deduction must be made for what went back to China after a short stay, but even this deduction, it will be seen, that it is very doubtful, it is not an increase of prosperity, as has been repeatedly maintained of late.

This is a tempting subject on which one might scribble for ever, but I have already abused your indulgence and must desist.

—Yours,

X. Y. Z.

Imports..... Tls. 69,847,046
Exports..... Tls. 33,551,518

Total..... 103,392,564

Imports..... Tls. 10,000,000

Total..... 113,392,564

Imports..... T

THE CHINA MAIL

No. 8210.—MAY 1, 1889.

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF PEKING will be despatched from San Francisco, via Yokohama on THURSDAY, 2nd May, at 1 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, Atlantic and inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, Havana, Madrid, and Paris to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco \$200.00

To San Francisco and return, } 350.00

available for 6 months } 325.00

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To London 330.00

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Passenger Invitations to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%.

This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Flight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcels will be received at the Office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcels Parcages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 16, 1889. 720

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, GENOA.

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PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK

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ADM.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,

BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,

GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN

PORTS:

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL

AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS

AND LUGGAGE.

N.E.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills

of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

London, Havre and BORDEAUX.

ON THURSDAY, the 9th of May,

1889, at noon, the Company's S.S. TIAOADDY, Commandant BRETEL, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 8th May, 1889. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

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For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, April 26, 1889. 796

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS

TO JAPAN, THE UNITED

STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND

SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,

VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND

ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING

RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British S.S. PORT AUGUSTA, 2,832 Tons Register, DRAPE, Commander will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C., s.s. KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 9th May, at noon.

To be followed by the S.S. PARTHIA, on the 23rd May, and S.S. PORT FAIRY, on the 6th June.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast Points, by the regular Steamers of the PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY and other Steamers.

Through Passes, Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fare granted as follows:—

To Vancouver & Victoria, Mex. \$185.00

To San Francisco (in Can.) 230.00

To the United States 300.00

To Liverpool 300.00

To London 300.00

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Passenger Invitations to accompany Cargo destined to points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 8th May.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office, and should be marked to address in full, and the same will be received by us until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,

Agent.

Hongkong, April 27, 1889. 777

Mails.



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MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, TRIESTE,
VENICE, PLYMOUTH AND
LONDON:
ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND AUSTRALIA.

N.R.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSELLA, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER CLYDE, Captain J. L. PARFITT, R.N.R., with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY and SUEZ CANAL, SATURDAY, 4th May, at noon.

Cargo will be required on board until 12 m.p.m. the day before sailing.

Passes and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

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MELROSES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 15, 1889. 711

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THE British S.S. ARABIC will be

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